

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LONDON 01228 01 OF 02 232041Z
ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-14 OIC-02 OES-07 CIAE-00
COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00 FMC-02 INR-07 NSAE-00
CG-00 DLOS-09 L-03 PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02
AF-10 ARA-14 EA-12 NEA-10 /131 W
-----110646 232123Z /70-62

R 231924Z JAN 78
FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2326

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 LONDON 01228

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OCON, IMCO, EWWT, PORG
SUBJECT: IMCO: SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS, 28TH SESSION

1. SUMMARY: SUBJECT MEETING WAS HELD AT IMCO HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON FROM 16-20 JANUARY 1978. MAJOR ITEMS OF DISCUSSION INCLUDED:

(A) CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS CODE (IMDG);

(B) POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF IMCO ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A.289(VIII) DEALING WITH THE HANDLING OF DANGEROUS GOODS IN PORTS AND HARBORS;

(C) DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE 1974 SOLAS CONVENTION DEALING WITH FIRE SAFETY MEASURES FOR SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS GOODS;

(D) RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE SAFE USE OF PESTICIDES ON SHIPS.

SEVERAL POINTS EMPHASIZED BY THE US DELEGATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LONDON 01228 01 OF 02 232041Z

BROADLY SUPPORTED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS CONCERN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RAPID HANDLING OF ALL AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME DANGEROUS GOODS CODE. THAT THIS CODE IS IMPORTANT TO ITS USERS IS DEMONSTRATED BOTH BY THE PRESSURES THAT EACH DELEGATION RECEIVES FOR RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETATION, CORRECTION OR ADDITION AND BY CURRENT SALES OF THE DOCUMENT. IT IS BY

FAR IMCO'S BEST SELLER. THE INCREASING DEMAND IS LITTLE SHORT OF PHENOMENAL.

THERE ARE TWO MAJOR OBSTACLES TO EFFICIENT MAINTENANCE OF THIS DOCUMENT. FIRST IS THE MASSIVE SUBCOMMITTEE WORKLOAD WHICH HAS RESULTED IN DELAYING SOME ITEMS OVER SEVERAL MEETINGS. THIS IS TRUE EVEN THOUGH THE EDITORIAL AND TECHNICAL WORK GROUP MEETS FOR TWO WEEKS BETWEEN SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS. THE SECOND REASON IS THE RESPONSE TIME FROM THE U.N. COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS TO PURSUE HARMONIZATION AMONG ALL MODES OF TRANSPORTATION THE IMCO SUBCOMMITTEE ON CDG HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS INTENT TO CONFORM WHERE APPROPRIATE WITH THE U.N. INTER-MODAL BODY IN AREAS OF CLASSIFICATION, PACKAGING, AND MARKING.

SINCE THE QUALITY OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON CDG OUTPUT OFTEN DEPENDS ON RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM THE U.N. COMMISSION OF EXPERTS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THAT BODY GIVE SOME PRIORITY TO RESPONSES TO IMCO. IT WAS ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT THE PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF THE U.N. COMMISSION OF EXPERTS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WITH MARITIME INTEREST ON THEIR DELEGATIONS TO INSURE THAT PRIORITIES FOLLOWED/AND THE DECISIONS MADE ARE GOVERNED BY THE NEEDS AND PRACTICES OF ALL MODES OF UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 LONDON 01228 01 OF 02 232041Z

TRANSPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE IMDG CODE. THE MAJORITY OF THE WORK IN THE PLENARY SESSION WAS DEVOTED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE IMDG CODE. DECISIONS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES INCLUDED:

(A) THE ADOPTION OF PROVISIONS RECOGNIZING THE MAJORITY OF THE PLACARDS FOR FREIGHT CONTAINERS NOW REQUIRED BY US REGULATIONS:

(B) THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT REQUIRING THAT THE CLASSIFICATION OF ALL "N.O.S." CONSIGNMENTS BE CONFIRMED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY PRIOR TO SHIPMENT. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION ENTERED A RESERVATION RELATIVE TO THIS DECISION;

(C) THE ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT PROHIBITING THE USE OF PACKINGS WITH WIDE OPENINGS FOR THE TRANSPORT OF

STATES DELEGATION HAD STRENUOUSLY OPPOSED THIS AMENDMENT;

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 LONDON 01228 02 OF 02 232038Z

ACTION EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 IO-14 OIC-02 OES-07 CIAE-00

COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00 FMC-02 INR-07 NSAE-00

CG-00 DLDS-09 L-03 PA-02 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02

AF-10 ARA-14 EA-12 NEA-10 /131 W

-----110628 232123Z /70-62

R 231924Z JAN 78

FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2327

UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 LONDON 01228

(D) THE DISCUSSION CONCERNING AMENDMENTS RELATIVE TO
THE DOCUMENTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS SHIPMENTS WAS
DEFERRED PENDING THE RESULTS OF WORK NEARING COMPLETION
AT THE UNITED NATIONS CONCERNING MULTIMODAL DOCUMENTATION
PROCEDURES.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS ON SAFE PRACTICE, ON DANGEROUS GOODS
IN PORTS AND HARBORS. A MAJOR ITEM OF DISCUSSION WAS
THE EXTENSIVE REVISION OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION A.289(VIII)
A WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED TO CONSIDER THIS TOPIC. IT
WAS UNDERTAKEN TO EXPAND THE RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE
SAFE HANDLING AND STORAGE OF PACKAGED, BULK, SOLID, AND
BULK LIQUID DANGEROUS CARGOES IN THE PORT AREA. AS SUCH
THIS PROJECT WILL REQUIRE CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE
CDG, BC, AND BCH SUBCOMMITTEES.

4. FIRE SAFETY MEASURES FOR SHIPS CARRYING DANGEROUS
GOODS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEWED THE REPORTS OF THE TWO
INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS OF THE AD HOC GROUP COMPOSED OF
MEMBERS OF THE CDG AND FP SUBCOMMITTEES. WORK IS PRO-
GRESSING ON THE DRAFT REGULATION TO THE 1974 SOLAS CON-
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 LONDON 01228 02 OF 02 232038Z

VENTION PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTIONAL FEATURES FOR VESSELS ENGAGED IN THE CARRIAGE OF PACKAGED DANGEROUS GOODS. THE UNITED STATES HAS OPPOSED MANY OF THE NEW PROVISIONS TO BE PROPOSED BOTH IN THE CDG AND FP SUB-COMMITTEES WITH LIMITED SUCCESS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE WORK OF THIS AD HOC GROUP WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE YEAR TO ENABLE THE DRAFT REGULATION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ASSEMBLY EARLY IN 1979.

5. AMENDMENTS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SAFE USE OF PESTICIDES ON SHIPS (MSC/CIRC. 108). THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERED THIS ITEM IN THE PLENARY SESSION. THE MAJOR IMPETUS FOR CONSIDERING THIS AGENDA ITEM WAS A PAPER SUBMITTED BY CANADA, WHICH HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING A GREAT DEAL OF DIFFICULTY WITH FUMIGATION OF US BULK GRAIN SHIPS IN CANADIAN PORTS. THE CANADIAN POLICY WILL BE NOT TO ALLOW SHIPBOARD FUMIGATION IN CANADIAN PORTS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SUFFICIENT GUIDELINES FOR THIS OPERATION ARE DEVELOPED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT A WORKING GROUP ON SAFE USE OF PESTICIDES ON SHIPS WOULD BE FORMED FOR THE 29TH SESSION OF CDG AND ALL DELEGATIONS WERE INVITED TO SUBMIT PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT.

BREWSTER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TRANSPORTATION, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, DANGEROUS CARGO, MEETING REPORTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LONDON01228
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780034-0459
Format: TEL
From: LONDON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780134/aaaabcp.c.tel
Line Count: 196
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f9ff24e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EB
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 feb 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3731630
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: IMCO: SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CARRIAGE OF DANGER- OUS GOODS, 28TH SESSION
TAGS: OCON, EWWT, PORG, IMCO
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f9ff24e1-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014